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 C_{6-10} aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl(CO)(C_{1-6})alkyl-O-, HO(CO)(C_{1-6})alkyl, mono-(C_{6-10} aryl)(C_{1-6} alkyl), di-(C_{6-10} aryl)(C_{1-6} alkyl) or tri-(C_{6-10} aryl)(C_{1-6} alkyl); and R^3 is para-nitrobenzyl or allyl, preferably allyl; with a suitable deprotecting agent in the presence of a solvent.

Amend the paragraph beginning at Page 5, line 9 as follows:

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The term "cycloalkyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes a mono or bicyclic carbocyclic ring (e.g., cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclo

Add the following after Page 5, line 15;

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-- The term "cycloalkenyl," as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes a monocarbocyclic ring (e.g., cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cycloheptenyl, cyclooctenyl, cyclononenyl, etc.) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 suitable substituents as defined below such as fluoro, chloro, trifluoromethyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxy, (C₆₋₁₀)aryloxy trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy or (C₁₋₄)alkyl, more preferably fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl or methoxy. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

A4

1 (Amended): A process for preparing a 3-cyclic-ether-substituted cephalosporin of the formula I: